

## **RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration Jan 17 Edition**

**MISSION:** TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

**GOAL:** TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF ADDITIVE REASONING

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### **News:**

We are back to in person learning as of Monday January 17th. This news will cause some families relief and others stress. Please continue to show patience and understanding as we navigate this latest pivot. With this return to in person learning, there will be some adjustments to, and possibly some completely new COVID protocols to navigate.

Library books are to be returned on Monday as students return to in person learning.

**TVDSB Protocols open for public input:** [French Immersion Independent procedure](#) deadline to submit input is January 17th.

- REVISED - [Home Instruction Policy](#) – Deadline: February 13
- REVISED - [Home Instruction Procedure](#) – Deadline: February 13

For details, public input deadlines and contact information, please visit:

[https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/public-input.aspx?\\_mid\\_=811](https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/public-input.aspx?_mid_=811)

Policies, Procedures, and Independent Procedures posted on [the web page link above](#) are at the draft stage. Your input is appreciated by the designated deadline date for each item. Send your comments to the identified contact person. Remember to specify the document name in your comments. Once an item is approved by the Board, it is archived under the 'Policy, Procedures, Independent Procedures' section of our web site. The chart at the bottom of this page shows items that have passed the public input stage and have not yet been approved by the Board.

### **COVID Protocol Updates/Reminders:**

**FYI REVISED COVID 19 Screener:** On the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, a more sensitive COVID-19 symptom list is being reinstated for daily active screening of all students and staff in schools and child care. Anyone who has symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 or is a confirmed positive case must self-isolate, regardless of vaccination status. Updates have been made to the COVID-19 Screening tools for staff and students. The updated version of the screening tool (dated January 6, 2022) is posted on [Ontario.ca/SchoolScreening](#) and is to be used by any TVDSB staff/student who is attending a TVDSB site or school.

**Daily Screening by students** - staff will be asking students to show proof of passing the daily screener at entry each day. For younger grades, we would encourage parents to send a quick email if possible to the teacher to assist in this. Students in older grades could take a screenshot of the green checkmark to show their teacher.

**Students who show symptoms during the day** - new screener is back to the original, tighter criteria for screening. If a student is showing symptoms, we will be calling for pick up and siblings will be going home as well. Isolation time frames vary based on vaccination status.

**Positive case** - it will only be the student who tested positive (and their siblings) who are sent home - not classmates, staff or bus mates.

**Recess cohorts** - we are going back to groupings at recess which we had all of last year as well as the start of this school year.

**Student Masks:** Students are encouraged to wear 3-ply cloth masks or medical masks rather than neck gaiters, handkerchiefs or masked sweatshirts as protective masks. Students will be given two cloth masks from the school on Monday that meet this criteria.

**Rapid Antigen Test** (2 tests/student) will be distributed to students once they are received

**Volunteers** in the school are paused at this time.

**Technology:** At this time we are not asking that tech be returned; however, it has been suggested that students could bring their loaned device, or their own personal device (with parent permission, and the understanding that it is their responsibility to take care of the device - the school will not be responsible for lost/stolen/damaged devices) back and forth each day. This will facilitate the continued use of Google Classroom and Brightspace for

all of your students and make it easier for teachers to deliver a consistent and less interrupted curriculum to everyone.

**Grade 1&2 Reading Program** supported by Gr 7 & 8 students will be able to continue. We will be reaching out to families that are involved to reconfirm that they continue to consent to their child participating.

**Possibility of Vaccination Clinics on TVDSB site** - Schools will be notified prior to a clinic running on their site, and we will share this information with families in advance of the event. To date, TVDSB has not run any such clinic during the school day. Participation in vaccination clinics will require parent consent.

**Grade 1 Information Night for French Immersion in Oxford County! Save the date of **January 26th, 2022 @ 6:30 pm****

We will be hosting a virtual Family Information night for anyone interested in registering their child for Grade 1 French Immersion, at **either** Roch Carrier FIPS or Oliver Stephens FIPS for September 2022. Administrators from both buildings, and staff will be present for this event. Meeting will be held in Microsoft TEAMS, [https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting\\_Njg4ZDK5MTctMjU4NC00MzlyLWFKYWUtYmY0ZWY0YzNjMzU4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%222024c5d6-bed5-4705-98ac-f83e64a78e99%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22fcc2c845-3782-441d-b1f4-660c5a2ab43f%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_Njg4ZDK5MTctMjU4NC00MzlyLWFKYWUtYmY0ZWY0YzNjMzU4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%222024c5d6-bed5-4705-98ac-f83e64a78e99%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22fcc2c845-3782-441d-b1f4-660c5a2ab43f%22%7d)

### **Safe and Inclusive Schools (SISP)**

As we continue to navigate through this challenging time, it is important to take care of our mental health as well as our physical health. The TVDSB has created many resources, not only for schools, but also for families. Here is a series of 12 mental health activities designed for parents and families to try at home. Simply visit the [School and Mental Health Ontario](#) page. Please take care of yourselves.



### **School Council/Home and School Association**

Our next School Council meeting will be Thursday February 10 at 6:00, followed immediately by our Home and School Association meeting, via ZOOM. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85488557281?pwd=REFqSmtTVzVZT2ZDdjRJMmh4VFduQT09>  
Meeting ID: 854 8855 7281 Passcode: 332001

**2022 Award of Distinction memo and supporting documents.** Copies of the nomination forms and criteria can be found on the website at the following <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/award-of-distinction.aspx>  
The deadline for submissions is Friday, 2022 February 18, at 4:00 p.m.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Jan 17 - Return to In Person Learning
- Jan 26 - 6:30 Gr 1 Information Night (virtual)
- Feb 11 - Term 1 Report Cards and Term 2 IEPs go home to families
- Feb 21 - Family Day (no school)

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